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CZECHOSLOVAK SECURITY AGENCIES

At least the following security services are in operation in Czechoslovakia at present:

1. Communist Party. Its members are ordered to search for, trace, and report all "antipopular elements."
2. Revolutionary Trade Union Movement. Controls the opinions of all employed persons, who constitute the majority of the population. This organization also has special tasks, such as following the conversations of customers in stores.
3. Citizen's Militia. Consists of Communist cells for controlling public opinion, and denouncing spies. It is made up of reliable, regularly employed persons who cooperate with the police. In the border areas, it halts those suspected of escape attempts and examines their papers. In the interior, it observes and watches persons with anti-Communist tendencies. The network is to cover all factories, offices, schools, etc.
4. Ministry of Information Network. For control of public opinion, especially in important institutions.
5. State Security. Corresponds to German Gestapo. Forms part of police apparatus.
6. Zemsky Odbor Bezpecnosti (Provincial Security Branch). Although abolished by Law No 149-47 concerning the organization of the SNB (Sbor Narodn Bezpecnosti, National Security Corps), continues to exist in fact as a special branch of the Ministry of the Interior and generally corresponds to the German Sicherheitsdienst (Security Police). Although, no doubt officially part of the Ministry of the Interior, it is in effect as much part of the Communist Party as of the state apparatus.

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7. Indoctrination in the Army and the SNB. Takes care of political training, i.e., education in Communist ideology, and controls the opinions of soldiers and SNB members. It exposes those who have a negative attitude toward Communism. Some of its members, the Falknov garrison for example, publicly reveal this function.

8. Obranne Bezpecnostni Zpravodajstvi (Counterintelligence Service). This is the military counterespionage service, which supervises both the Army and the civilian population from the viewpoint of Party policy.

9. Army Intelligence Service. This is Section V of the Ministry of National Defense, divided into investigation, research, reports, and administration sections. It uncovers, among others, those who work against the Communist regime.

10. Soviet Intelligence Services. This group works in Czechoslovakia in close contact with the Czechoslovak intelligence services. The latter are already subordinated to the Soviet group.

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